

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0029] A system and method are disclosed for providing authentication services. A method incorporating teachings of the present disclosure may include receiving a common user credential from a user seeking access to an information network. In some embodiments, the common user credential may have been broadly assigned and may not effectively operate as a unique identifier for the user. A unique credential may be generated for the user at a network node and may include some piece of network specific information associated with or capable of uniquely identifying a connection being used by the user. The unique credential may then be considered in combination with the common user credential or in lieu of the common user credential when making an authentication decision for the user.